

**European Spallation Source ERIC
12th Meeting of Council
Malmö, Sweden, 8 February 2018**

Chair's Summary

Introduction

The first half day was devoted to informal discussions with Council delegations on the long-term strategic development of the Facility for frontier science.

The Chairman Lars Börjesson welcomed the delegates after lunch, the Vice-Chair, the AFC Chair, ESS Management, and guests to the formal meeting 12th meeting of Council. He noted that the meeting had been duly convened and was quorate.

Reports

The Director-General briefly presented the overall project status with updates on the major activities since the last meeting of Council, the critical path to the start of the ESS science programme, and the status of the integrated schedule. He also informed Council about the forthcoming contract signatures for the lease of the ESS Office Campus, about the organisation's goals for 2018, and on the emerging planning for a European neutron facilities network.

The Director-General then reported from the January meeting of the ESS Conventional Facilities Advisory Committee and an external reviewer, Arne Jungstand, confirmed that the additional costs imposed on ESS due to strengthened radiation safety requirements had been correctly estimated.

Membership

Spain updated Council on the process for the country's accession to ESS as a full Member, confirming that the goal was to provide a letter requesting accession in April 2018. Council confirmed that Spain would be able to join the Organisation under the same condition as the Founding Members if the accession would be completed by end of April 2018.

In-Kind Contributions

Council unanimously approved six technical annexes, two contract amendments, and three final reports, all of which had previously been recommended by the In-Kind Review Committee.

Completion of Construction and Initial Operations

The remaining steps of the consultation timeline for the high-level document concerning the completion of construction and initial operations were agreed. Management was asked to provide an updated version of the document within a week, and all delegations committed to provide any remaining feedback by the end of the month.

Procedures

While the timeline for reaching agreement on cost sharing for the initial operations period remains tight, proposed amendments to the Policy for Sharing of Operations Costs were postponed and the Administrative and Finance Committee (AFC) was asked to provide further advice with regards to procedures and monitoring.

Financial Matters

The Director-General briefly presented the first initial operations budget plan for the years 2019 and 2020 and the indicative planning for the years 2021 to 2025. Delegates were asked to provide their input after the meeting and it was agreed that the budget plan for 2019-20 and the outline for 2021-25 would go to AFC and to Council for approval in June 2018.

AoB

The Chair reminded the delegates of the next meeting of Council to be held on 4-5 June 2018. He thanked the outgoing French delegate, Patricia Roussel-Chomaz, and the outgoing advisor and previous delegate for the United Kingdom, Brian Bowsher, for their very constructive contributions to the Committee throughout their terms of office.

Closure of Meeting

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 16:05.

Lars Börjesson
Council Chair, European Spallation Source ERIC
15 February 2018